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SOVIETS MAY BE USING 'DUST' IN U.S.

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WASHINGTON — The "spy dust" allegedly used to track American diplomats in Moscow may also have been used by Soviet agents in the U.S., a congressman said yesterday.

"There are indications it has been used outside of Moscow, in the U.S.," said Rep. Dan Mica (D-Fla.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs International Operations subcommittee.

At a news conference following a briefing by State Dept. officials, Mica said he was told the chemical also may have been used at the British and West German embassies in Moscow.

A source at the State Dept., however, said he had no idea where Mica got his information.

The "spy dust" chemical, nitro phenyl pentadiene aldehyde (NPPD), is transferred by touch and, once on a diplomat's skin, can be used to track him and those he comes in contact with.

NPPD also is a known mutagen that causes cellular change and possibly cancer.